

When Jesus Became Angry (Mark 11:11-18)

Sermon Devotional

Series: Strange Encounters with Jesus
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1. What makes people at school or work angry?
2. Do you believe that becoming angry is wrong? Why or why not?

Digging Deeper

3. Read Mark 11:11-18 or access Pastor David's message at broadviewchurch.com.
4. The leaves on the fig tree Jesus encountered in v. 13 were an indicator that it should have had fruit. Yet it had none. Why would that make Jesus angry?
5. "Like a tree with many leaves yet no fruit, the religious hypocrite displays to the world many impressive activities of devotion and self-denial, but under the leaves of external religion the Lord sees that there are no fruits of Christian love for God and man, joy in the Lord, or peace by Christ's blood" (Family Worship Bible Guide). Why is God displeased with people who have religious devotion but no spiritual fruit?
6. In what ways were the money changers at the temple and the fig tree similar?
7. Jesus wants His house to be "a house of prayer for all the nations" (v. 17). What do you believe Jesus' "house" is—the church building or His people?

Bringing It Home

8. Is your faith authentic, empty on the inside, or perhaps a little of both?
 9. Prayer can help your faith become more authentic. Ask God to help you to take a step toward Him in prayer.
 10. The fruit of the Spirit is found in Galatians 5:22-23. Which is God producing in you? If possible, memorize these two verses.
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